

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Lechot et al.  
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For : Inserter for Minimally  
Invasive Joint Surgery  
Examiner : Schaper, Michael T.  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

In response to the office action dated September 18, 2009,  
the applicants amend and remark as follows: